

October 2016

Montrose United Methodist Church

“Joyfully, To Love All, To Serve All, and To Share
Jesus Christ With the World!”

Pastor’s Ponderings... “Welcoming Guests at Church”

Do not forget to show **hospitality** to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown **hospitality** to angels without knowing it. —*Hebrews 13:2*

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I received an email from a church member this week asking why we haven’t been inviting guests to introduce themselves in worship lately. The question is such an important one—and one which I know others are asking—that I decided to share my email response in my newsletter article this month:

Thanks for emailing me about the introduction of guests.

Our worship planners were passing around emails a couple of months ago with the subject heading: "Always reconsidering how we welcome guests..." And we are. It is a continual conversation. We've gone back and forth several times in the 4+ years I've been here.

The decision for now is that most guests are not at all comfortable being singled out. We as members often like it, but they don't. Over and over I was having dead silence when I offered the invitation for guests to introduce themselves. Even though I knew there were several—or more—who were guests, they wouldn't stand to introduce themselves; or they would stand very reluctantly on their own; or they would stand only after someone from our congregation pointed them out. This ritual was very awkward and uncomfortable for them and for me.

So, what it comes down to is that we, as a congregation, need to make every effort to notice those whom we have not met and take time to introduce ourselves. This way, WE take the initiative instead of expecting the newcomers to do so.

At this point, I am giving the warmest welcome I can to the guests at the beginning of worship and inviting them to receive a gift from our church and information about our church at our Welcome Center on their way to the Fellowship Hall.

I know that often guests do not go to the Fellowship Hall, so I stand at the corner door of the sanctuary so I can greet them before they get away.

Also, I receive a list of the addresses of the first-time guests who live in our area, and take a church mug and information about our church to them the afternoon of their visit. I call this "Mugging" our guests in Christian love! :)

This is the philosophy at this point, but the conversation continues...

Thanks for your caring for newcomers in our midst. Our sensitivity to people walking through our doors for the first time makes all the difference!

(Please let me know YOUR thoughts, because—after all—we're always reconsidering how we welcome guests!)

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Steve



What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief organization, Samaritan's Purse. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.



Operation Christmas Child at Montrose Methodist Church

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available October 23, in Baldrige Hall (limit of 2 please at first) along with instructions and all required information. Boxes must be returned no later than Sunday, November 20.

Children's News

Sunday School

Meet in the
Sanctuary at 9:45
for music and
Children's Time.
Classes end at
10:45

Our children will
learn about
"Joseph's Journey"
during Sunday
school this fall!

Oct. 2nd "The Baby
In The Basket"

Oct. 9th "The Burn-
ing Bush"

Oct. 16th Moses &
Pharaoh"

Oct. 23rd "Crossing
the Sea" Oct. 30th

"Songs of Joy"





Kid's Aid bags weekend food for the school children.

We bag on every other Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.; rotating with the Montrose High School Honor Society. The bags go to the schools on the following Thursdays for distribution on Friday. They are delivering to 13 schools. **190** bags were delivered this week and taken home by children

Food Pantry

The food pantry has been a great resource for the people at Sunday Supper. Each week we put out the food that you donate for the Sunday Supper participants to take and each week they take it all. Please keep giving! Your donations help feed hungry people in our area. Want to give more than just food? We have found that people also need staples like diapers, dog food and toiletries. Fresh produce is welcome.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Bus Passes

Since we began giving out bus passes last September we have given out 166 adult passes and 18 youth passes.

Are you interested in supporting this ministry? You can give directly to the pastor's discretionary fund, just write bus pass in the memo of your check or on your giving envelope.



The Young People' News

For all Youth 6th-12th grade and Young Adults



Change is never easy but brings great

We are changing the structure of our Youth Ministries program a bit this fall! The Sunday night group will be for high school students and young adults. We will have a 5th-8th-grade group that meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday's from 7-9 pm. There will also be a combined activity once per month on the 1st or 3rd Sunday evenings.



**Tween Group AKA
Friday Night Awesomeness
5th-8th Grade, 2nd & 4th Friday's
7-9 pm**

Oct. 2nd Family activity at the Bakers 3-5 pm

Pumpkin unloading at 5:30

Oct. 14th no group

Oct. 28th Corn Maze

**Sunday Night UMYF
High school & Young Adults 6-8 pm**

Oct 2nd Family Activity at the Bakers 3-5 pm

Pumpkin unloading 5:30 pm

Oct. 9th Card & board games

Oct. 16th no group

Oct. 23rd Corn Maze


Pumpkins are coming Oct. 2nd 5:30 pm



All youth and families need to be there!

**It only takes about 30 minutes when there
are many hands!**

**There will be a sign up sheet on the youth
table in the fellowship hall. You can also
contact Marsha Ross at**

275-2831 to schedule your time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	OCTOBER 2016		
<p>2 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 3-5 Family fun @Bakers 5:00Community Sunday supper 6:00– 8:00 youth group</p>	<p>3 7am UMM breakfast away 9am UMW executive bd 12N Women's Emmaus 6:30-8 Spiritual Journey</p>	<p>4 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 1:30-4 Crafty Ladies 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 SPRC</p>	<p>5 3:00 Worship 5:30 HandBells 6:45 Sound of Music 8:00 Celebration</p>
<p>9 10:00 single worship service 11:30 potluck/fellowship 5:00Community Sunday Supper 6:00– 8:00 youth group</p>	<p>10 12N Women's Emmaus 1:00 Caregiver Support 5:30 Communications</p>	<p>11 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 1:30-4 Crafty Ladies 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Stew/Finance</p>	<p>12 3:00 Worship 5:30 HandBells 6:45 Sound of Music 8:00 Celebration</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 3:30 music teams practice</p>
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Birthdays

Lee Elliott	10/03	Scott Koehler	10/16
Beth Lambert	10/04	Danny Wood	10/19
Hayden Davis	10/05	Elijah Clark	10/21
Colette Holm	10/05	Ramona Cornforth	10/22
John Snyder	10/06	Carol Jones	10/26
Verna Brassfield	10/06	Penny Lowe	10/27
LaMoine Brown	10/07	Nancy Zaenger	10/27
Ralph Carver Jr.	10/07	Grace Mejia	10/27
Tristan Bingaman	10/08	Aiden Hutto	10/28
Betty Hayes	10/11	Luke Hutto	10/28
Jeanne Allen	10/11	Jim Garner	10/30
Bob Goodhue	10/12	Steve Reinhard	10/31
Marijo Ache	10/13	Joyce Kinzel	10/31
Don Vernon	10/15	Judy Best	10/31
Russ Smith	10/16	Pam Shippy	10/31

Anniversaries

Donald & Marian Ferguson	10/09
Dale & Suzanne Carter	10/12
Richard & Betty Moslet	10/17
Russ & Bonnie Smith	10/29



Pumpkin Patch Sales People

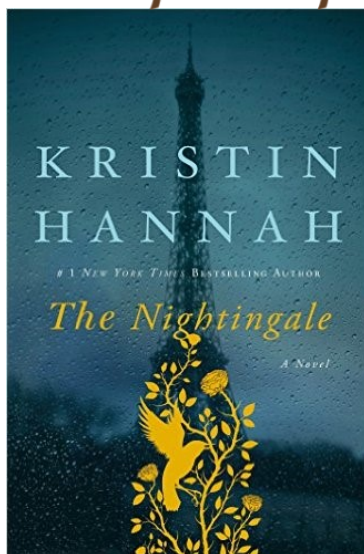
The time has come once again for our annual pumpkin patch! This is a youth fundraiser but they need help from the congregation. During school hours they are off being the best they can be in their academics and are unavailable to help sell. You can help by signing up for these times of the day. The job is easy (there is plenty of support and instructions) the weather is still nice, the scenery is beautiful and you get to talk to lots of people! Please visit the “great pumpkin sign up sheet” in Baldrige Hall on the youth table to find available times.



Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club
Will be Meeting on Tues-
day Oct. 18 at 11:45 in
Baldrige Hall.

This month's book is The
Nightingale by Kristin
Hannah





Upcoming Happenings

United Methodist Women

**--October Luncheon-Wednesday the 12th-11:30 A.M.
Baldridge Hall- Hostesses: Faith Circle- Guest Speakers;
Missionaries Nan McCurdy & Miguel Mairena (Their
work in Nicaragua)**

--Circle Meetings:

**--Mary and Elizabeth- Thursday- Oct. 20- 7:00P.M.-
Hostess: Becky Clark**

**--Mary Olive -Thursday-Oct. 27-9:00 a.m. –Hostess:
Trish Gray**

**--Faith -Thursday- Oct. 27-1:30 p.m. – Hostess: Suzanne
Carter**

--Hope -Thursday-Oct. 27-9:00 a.m.-Hostess: Kay Karins

**-- Executive Board Meeting- October3- 9:00A.M.
Baldridge Hall**

**--It is time to start thinking BAZAAR! It will happen No-
vember 12.**

--**The Crafty Ladies are meeting each Tuesday at 1:30 P.M.** in the downstairs Room #1 to prepare items for the November bazaar. There will be group projects to work on and people working on individual items. All are welcome. We will look for you on **Tuesdays at 1:30**. Those creating bazaar items to be sold may bring their items to Room #1 on Tuesdays 1-3 P.M. each Tuesday for pricing.

Be thinking about and sign-up to help make the **BAZAAR** a **HUGE** success!

The Purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; **To develop a creative** supportive fellowship; and **To expand concepts** of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Methodist Women's World Thank Offering

Wednesday, November 9th is the date for our annual World Thank Offering and Women's Luncheon

The gifts received are used to support the total program of missions carried on by the United Methodist Women both nationally and around the world. All our women, children and you institutions and programs depend on this offering.

Our Montrose unit has been challenged by other UMW groups to give \$.25 to the offering for each item of makeup (Ex. Lipstick) we have.



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Conference Board of Global
Ministries

Time:

October 14: 5 - 8:30 PM

October 15: 9 AM to 4 PM

Cost:

Friday and Saturday - \$15

Saturday only - \$10

**Hotels in area: (You must make
your own arrangements)**

Days Inn – Delta	Quality Inn Delta
903 Main Street	180 Gunnison Riv
970-874-9781	970-874-1000

Riverwood Inn
677 U.S. 50
970-874-5787

Registration form Mission Adventures Where Do I Fit In? October 14-15, 2016

Delta United Methodist Church
477 Meeker St, Delta CO 81416
970-874-9501
www.deltamethodist.org

Planned activities:

Friday Evening: Keynote Speakers

Nan McCurdy and Miquel Mairena "Why Be in Mission"

Saturday Morning Workshop choices:

- Supporting Missionaries: Covenant Relationships, Itineration
- Mission Giving- Advance & Spotlight Ministries
- Responding to Disasters
- Other Missionary Opportunities
- United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM)

Saturday Afternoon options:

- VIM Leader Training (must register to attend)
- Repeat of Morning Workshop choices

Registration due by Monday, October 10th

Walk ins welcome.

Name _____

Friday and Saturday \$15 _____

Address _____

Saturday only \$10 _____

City, State, Zip _____

I wish to attend the Volunteer In Mission (VIM) Leader Training on Sat afternoon (Circle one) yes no

Food or physical accommodations needed _____

Return form to: Delta UMC P.O. Box 427 Delta, CO 81416-4270

Make check payable to: Rocky Mtn Conference UMC or RMC UMC

Do you want to expand your horizons? Would you like to have a mission adventure?

Plan to attend the Volunteer in Missions workshops at the Delta United Methodist Church on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 to learn about our current missionaries and your opportunities. The workshop are low cost (\$10-15), walk ins are welcome, and it isn't far to travel. The forms and itinerary are in the office. We may even have a car pool going.





To My Christian Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits you extended to me. Your strength, given to me, helped me heal so quickly.

Love,
Clare Willis